

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

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12. (Previously Presented) A method of processing a developer, including ferromagnetic toner and hard magnetic carriers, for developing an electrostatic image, comprising:

heating a set developer, adding a relatively small amount of ferromagnetic toner to said set developer, and exercising said set developer with a magnetic brush and a blender prior to using said developer for developing said electrostatic image, while removing developer from a toning shell for transporting developer for developing said electrostatic image.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of processing a developer of claim 12, wherein said developer is heated to a normal operating temperature.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of processing a developer of claim 12, wherein said added amount of ferromagnetic toner is on the order of 0.1 to 1.0% by weight of said developer mass.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of processing a developer of claim 12, wherein said added amount of ferromagnetic toner is on the order of 0.5%.

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21. (Previously Presented) A method of processing a developer, including ferromagnetic toner and hard magnetic carriers, comprising:  
exercising a fully developed, set developer in a pre-imaging blending cycle with a magnetic brush and a blender while simultaneously heating the developer.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of processing a developer of claim 21, wherein said developer is heated to a normal operating temperature.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of processing a developer of claim 21, further adding a relatively small amount of ferromagnetic toner to the developer.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of processing a developer of claim 23, wherein the added amount of ferromagnetic toner is on the order of 0.1 to 1.0% by weight of said developer mass.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of processing a developer of claim 23, wherein the added amount of ferromagnetic toner is on the order of 0.5% by weight of said developer mass.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of processing a developer of claim 23, wherein said adding said amount of ferromagnetic toner takes place before said exercising of said set developer.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of processing a developer of claim 23, wherein said adding said amount of ferromagnetic toner takes place during said exercising of said set developer.